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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.



REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

(Recommended for Nomination by the County Assembly, held in Dallas, June 25, 1910.)

- Representative, IRA C. POWELL.
- Clerk, E. M. SMITH.
- Sheriff, W. L. BICE.
- Commissioner, JOHN B. TEAL.
- Treasurer, JOHN L. CASTLE.
- Coroner, R. L. CHAPMAN.
- (Indorsed by State Assembly.) Joint Senator, C. L. HAWLEY.
- Joint Representative, HENRY NICE.

WHAT IS ARBITRATION FOR?

A special election will be held in Dallas next Monday to vote on a proposed amendment to the city charter giving the council power to prescribe the kind of improvements to be made in covering the mill race which runs through the city and in confining the width of the ditch to a given number of feet at all points where it runs in or across a street, and providing that the expense of such repairs or improvements shall be paid by the owners of the ditch.

The mill race question is an old one in Dallas and it is probable that a great majority of the Observer's readers are thoroughly familiar with conditions as they exist. For this reason, we shall not enter into details of the plan as set forth by the council, as this information has already been furnished to every voter in the city through the medium of election pamphlets containing a complete text of the proposed amendment.

The question to be considered here is whether it would be right to give the city officers power and authority which might be used at some future time by a recklessly-extravagant or unfriendly council in oppressing and harassing two valuable industries of the city. It is further proper to consider at this time whether the present council is keeping faith with the owners of the mill race in seeking to evade the arbitration of two years ago, at which time both the city and the race owners agreed to submit the question to competent and disinterested arbiters and to abide by the decision of the men so chosen.

It will be remembered that in the Summer of 1908, the city council desired to improve Main street by covering it with crushed rock and by covering the race, where it crossed the street, with a concrete arch. The race company, objecting to such an expensive method of confining the waters of its ditch, was not willing to pay the entire cost of the improvement. The council was not sure of its power to force the improvement at the company's expense, and it was finally agreed to submit the question of liability for the cost to a board of arbitration for an opinion which should be definite and binding for all time.

Three men, all competent attorneys, were chosen as arbiters. The council chose Oscar Hayter, of this city; the race company selected John Bayne, of Salem, and these two attorneys agreed upon W. T. Muir, of Portland, for the third member of the board.

These lawyers went into the question in all of its details, and after carefully considering local conditions and thoroughly informing themselves on the law bearing on the subject, rendered a decision to the effect that the race company could not be required to pay the cost of any improvement further than one confining the ditch to the actual width necessary for a free and unobstructed flow of water. The council accepted the award of the board and built the conduit across the street.

Nothing has been heard of the matter since, and it was generally supposed that the decision of the board had been accepted as final; that it had been taken by the council as legally binding—as it was, and is, morally binding. But it now appears that the council, some of whose members were in office at the time the award of the arbiters was accepted, went to disregard the agreement and to attempt to give the city free and complete control over any future improvement.

After having agreed to submit the question to arbitration and to be governed thereby, and after having noted the council's unwillingness to keep

faith on its side, it is not at all probable that the race company would now be willing to submit to expensive and burdensome exactions without a resort to the law. Any litigation arising would necessarily be tedious and costly, and when one considers the legal ability of the three men who sat as arbiters, it would seem extremely doubtful if the charter amendment now proposed by the council would be binding, if adopted.

The Observer believes that the city should have certain reasonable powers in controlling and regulating this ditch, but it does not believe that this power should be practically unlimited, as provided by Section 82-a of the proposed charter amendment. It is not to be presumed that the present councilmen would force any unreasonable or oppressive measures against the mill company, but the section just referred to would give them or any future council such power, and it could be used in the event that the city desired to use it.

The whole matter should be decided in a spirit of fairness. The mill company should not be permitted to escape free from the responsibility of properly controlling and regulating the waters of its ditch, and it is probable that a just and reasonable charter amendment, drawn in a spirit of fair-play, would meet with little or no opposition in any quarter. But when it comes to voting the city officers power and authority unlimited—power which might at some future time be used in such a vindictive or willfully extravagant spirit as to drive the mill people out of business; power to the extent proposed to be granted to the council by this new charter amendment—then it is time for the people of Dallas to say "No."

The Portland Journal has much to say about Big Business. Those capital Bs stand for Big Bunk—the game the Democratic Journal is trying to play on the Republican party in Oregon. Is any Republican going to be clumped enough to be fooled by it?

Encouraged by the insurgent victories in a number of states of the Union, the Bourne office-seeking gang in Oregon is now trying to make it appear that it is the real thing in the way of ranting, rip-roaring insurgency. If Jonathan has ever done any "insurgency" around the Capitol Building in Washington, it has not been visible to the casual observer.

Just at this particular season of the year, the neighborhood correspondents, like all the rest of us, are extremely busy, and we cannot ask to neglect their work to send in the news happenings of their respective localities. In fact, we are proud to be able to print as many letters as we are giving our readers this week, as we know these items were hastily prepared. Only the week before hop picking began, the Observer printed a news letter from every precinct in Polk County—not only from every precinct, but in many instances from several neighborhoods in a precinct. It is a record unequalled in the history of Willamette Valley newspaperdom. After the harvest season is over, we want our friends to help us beat this record. These correspondents, while helping to make the Observer a popular newspaper, render invaluable service to their home communities and to their county. Their letters, taken collectively, advertise to the world that Old Polk is keeping step with the march of progress in all lines of industry and development; that its people are industrious and enterprising, and that its social life is such as appeals to all men and women who are seeking a home among friendly, neighborly people. It is our fond ambition to fill the entire first page of every Friday paper with neighborhood news, and we ask our correspondents to help us accomplish this result.

HOFER THE ADVERTISER.

Colonel Hofer complains that some candidates are not living up to the spirit of the Corrupt Practices Act. What is the Colonel doing when he runs an entire page advertisement of his candidacy in his own newspaper about every other day? If he had to pay for that advertisement twenty or thirty times before the primary, what would it cost him? And will the Colonel deny that such space has a money value, whether used by himself or another?

Every inch of space in a newspaper costs the publisher money, no matter for what purpose it is used, or who uses it. Figuring this page advertisement in a daily newspaper at actual cost, it will be found that it is separating the Colonel from a large amount of money—enough, in fact, that he could not begin to pay for similar publicity in an outside newspaper and keep within the restrictions of the Corrupt Practices law. This, of course, is presuming that space in the Capital Journal is valuable—and it is hardly likely that the Colonel would admit it is not.

While the Corrupt Practices act does not forbid a candidate using any amount of space desired in his own newspaper, the fact remains that when a publisher uses such space to a far greater extent than any outside candidate would be permitted to use it, such candidate does in reality violate the spirit of the law. It is not improbable that the Colonel, himself, had this very view of the matter in mind when, in fighting the enactment of the direct primary law in the Spring of 1904, he wrote editorially:

"The direct primary would be a snap for the rich politician, the news-

paper politician, or the office-seeker who is a fine orator."

"The newspaper politician." That's Hofer.

After recounting the advantages that have recently come to Falls City and the immigration attracted that way, all directly traceable to the efforts of his newspaper, the editor of the Falls City News says: "These things are possible through our efforts, and for that reason we refuse to issue a bum paper, and for that same reason our business men and citizens cannot afford to have a bum paper." Eminent, correct, C. L.

HOFER AND THE PRIMARY.

E. Hofer, direct primary candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, fought the primary law through his Salem paper when that law was before the voters of the state for adoption in the spring of 1904. His inconsistency on the subject is shown from the fact that he is now posing as the foremost advocate and defender of that law. Here are a few of his comments on the law when it was pending before the people only six years ago.

"U'Ren admits that the bill is his own handiwork and as such he deserves credit for all that is good in it. It is a patchwork from other states and its weak points are that it seeks to abolish conventions and puts the expense of holding another election on the people."

"That it will be a dead letter and inoperative no one can doubt. It practically abolishes all political conventions and all parties but the Republicans and the Democrats—if a law could do those things. Of course, a law cannot abolish such political institutions and hence it will be a defunct statute."

"The U'Ren bill (direct primary) puts a monopoly of office getting in the hands of the rich, the frothy and the professional politicians."

"It would be a snap for the rich politician or the office seeker who was a fine orator or a newspaper politician or the man in office."

"The direct primary law is a scheme to give a few Republican bosses a monopoly of nominations, wipe all other political parties out of existence and destroy independent voting and the secrecy of the ballot."

"The primary election bill will double the election expenses. Kill it. Kill all the freak bills. The state has too many now."

On June 2, 1904, the day before the general election, in an editorial advising voters to vote "no" on the direct primary, local opinion and placing the state printer on a flat salary, Mr. Hofer in his paper said:

"The three questions to be submitted to the voters at the election next Monday should be voted down. All are equally pernicious and bad. The direct primary law is a subterfuge of a few Portland politicians who are aspiring to control the whole state through the Portland machine."

PEOPLE STILL RULE.

Anti-assembly Republicans, so-called, assert that the 1200 representative members of the state assembly and the many other members of the several county assemblies violated the primary law. But the people still have their primaries just as if no assemblies had been held. Nobody will be nominated without the people's sanction. The very men who inveigh against assembly recommendations are appealing to voters in the primaries. The public assembly recommendations ought to have more weight with voters than the secret conference selections of their opponents. Both will be passed upon by electors in the primaries. Then why so much stuff and nonsense about trying to boss the people?—Oregonian.

Legal blanks for sale at this office. Have your printing done the Observer way—the linotype way. Tennessee's Partner—Opera House—One night, September 17.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

(Advertisements under this head are charged at the rate of 1 cent per word, first insertion; 1/2 cent per word for each insertion thereafter; 30 words or less, \$1 per month. No advertisement inserted for less than 15 cents.)

For Sale. Quartered oak buffet. Has been in use two months. It is a beauty and the price is right. Call Phone 1122. 9-12-11.

For Sale. A few Plano Case Organs for sale at cost. N. Hughes, Phone 1124. 99-01.

Hop Yard Views. Leave orders at Staffin's drug store for your hop yard views and post cards. 94-41.

For Sale. One 2 1/2 - inch Mitchell wagon, in good repair. A. G. Rempel, Polk Station. 94-41.

Public Sale. F. M. Smith, of Lewistown, will hold a public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., on his farm on Wednesday, September 28. Posters announcing the sale will be out later.

Cow Wanted. To buy a fresh milch cow. Frank Holman. 830-17.

Lost. Lost, in Dallas, Saturday night, a gold cuff button, bearing initials, "H. G. F. Finder will kindly return to this office. 9-12-11.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Pleasant Orchard, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at Rickreall, Oregon, or at the law office of Sibley & Eakin, in Dallas, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated and first published August 12, 1910. PETER COOK, Administrator of the estate of Pleasant Orchard, deceased. SIBLEY & EAKIN, Attorneys.

Administrator's Final Notice. Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, executrix of the estate of Giles Bennett, deceased, has filed her final account in said estate with the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and the same has by said Court been set for hearing on Saturday, October 8, 1910, at his hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at which time all persons having objections thereto, if any there be, are hereby notified to appear before said court in the County Court room in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, and present the same for adjustment, and failing so to do, the petitioner will ask that her final account be approved, the estate closed and that she be discharged. Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 7th day of September, 1910. SARAH BENNETT, Executrix of the estate of Giles Bennett, deceased. Sibley & Eakin, Attorneys.

Administrator's Notice. Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern, that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Rith Snodgrass, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate with the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and said Court has set Saturday, September 24, 1910, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day for hearing the same, at which time all persons having objections thereto, if any there be, are hereby notified to appear before said County Court at the Court room in Dallas, in said County and State and have the same adjusted, and if you fail so to appear, said administrator will take an order finally and fully closing said estate, discharging said administrator and releasing his bondsman. Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 25th day of August, 1910. B. M. GUY, Administrator of the estate of Rith Snodgrass, deceased. Sibley & Eakin, Attorneys.

Summons. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County. Department No. 2. Sarah L. Goodfellow and Howard D. Goodfellow, Plaintiffs, vs. Gilbert Alderman, Defendant. To Gilbert Alderman, the above named defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons upon you, and if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiffs will take a decree against you as prayed for in their complaint herein, to-wit: that plaintiffs are the owners in simple of the following described real estate situate in the County of Polk and State of Oregon, to-wit: The South half of the Northeast quarter of Section 15, in Township 6 South of Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, and that you be forever barred and enjoined from claiming any right, title or interest either in law or equity in or to said real premises or any part thereof.

This summons is published for a period of six weeks by order of the Hon. Ed F. Cook, Judge of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, made at Chambers on the 5th day of August, 1910, and the date of the first publication is the 9th day of August, 1910, and the date of the last publication will be on the 20th day of September, 1910. SIBLEY & EAKIN, Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

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Notice to Prune Growers. All growers intending to bring prunes to my dryer must do so as soon as possible as I intend to run only a short time longer. S. P. KIMBALL.

For Sale or Trade. I have about 26 head nice nanny goats either to sell or let on shares. M. D. Ellis. 8-26-11.

Sheep for Sale. Thirty head of pure-bred Cotswold ewes and some registered rams for sale. Mutual phone. L. I. Bursell, Monmouth, Ore. 828-11.

For Sale. Brand new 6-room house; modern. Two large lots. C. Stahl, 307 Jefferson street, Dallas. 921f.

Wanted. All kinds of iron, rubber, brass, copper, zinc and alloys. Highest cash prices paid. A. N. Hallock, Monmouth, Oregon. 9-12-11.

New Fall Goods

Arriving every day at the Dallas Mercantile Co's. store.

New Dress Goods, New Silks, New Shoes, New Dry Goods, Notions, Ladies' Misses' and Children's Suits Coats, Capes, and Men's New Fall Hats are in.

We have three shipments of clothing in the smartest things for Fall.

The famous H. S. & M. Suits, the best made at \$20 to \$27.50.

David Marks & Sons, of N. Y. and other good makes, \$8 to \$20. Popular prices.

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DALLAS BAKERY C. C. MULKEY, Proprietor. Do not send your money away to Portland for bread. Buy good Dallas bread and keep the money at home. It will help us and help you. Bell Phone 51. Mutual Phone 228.	Soehren Warehouse Co. CEMENT CURBINGS AND WALKS We handle a full line of Cedar and Oak Fence Posts, Brick, Lime, Sand and Cement. Land Plaster, Drain Tile, Shingles, Fire Brick, Hair, Wall Plaster and Hop Supplies. One block south of depot Phone 1494	Dallas Iron Works Machinists—Foundrymen—Pattern Makers. SAWMILL WORK A SPECIALTY. We are prepared to do any kind of Iron and Brass work. Lumbering and Stock work on hand. We have the best and cheapest Steam Engines on the market. Prices Reasonable.
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